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Cambridge Transformer Explosion Investigation Continuing

State Fire Marshal Stephen D. Coan and Cambridge Fire Chief Gerald R. Reardon said today that their joint investigation into Friday's transformer explosion at One Broadway is continuing. The team continues to finalize their cause and origin investigation as well as examine the reasons why so much smoke entered the stairwells making it difficult for people to get out of the building safely.

The cause and origin investigation of the fire is being jointly conducted by investigators from the Cambridge Fire Department, the Cambridge Police Department and State Police assigned to the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Assistance was received from the Mass. Department of Telecommunications and Energy and State Police assigned to the Middlesex District Attorney's Office. The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration is also investigating the incident.

Code compliance officers from the Office of the State Fire Marshal and Cambridge Fire Prevention Officers have identified the point at which the smoke entered the fresh air ductwork. They have issued an order of notice to the buildings owners to hire mechanical and life safety engineers to design and implement corrective measures before the building can be re-occupied.

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